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A new Presbyterian Church group. Western
Presbyt. would like one of the library audience
the sanctuary per month on the basis beginning
as soon as possible. Making to pay purchase
service, staff to be in hand in library Sat.
at window + lights, heat etc. cost. Room

probably 10-12 a.m. no sanctuary school but the
church service - group composed of adults
and some students - depreciable. Per. group

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take to begin on Apr. 1st. The fact that, mainly
at Presbyterian Church requested most of buildings
in the group. He is not a member & it is not con-
sidered. University and local people involved

Advised on May library Board would
have to make decision. Provided put to him
whether building might not be available.
Advised to move to advised Board

decision.

S. McElhenchall
3/9/70

March 18, 1970

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met in the Auditorium of the new library on Wednesday afternoon, March 18, 1970 at 4 o'clock.

After a short social hour the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, W. W. Wier. Present were, W. W. Wier, Troutman Wilson, Uly Gunn, Marvin Perry, Clinton Adams, Hal Cofer, Mrs. J. B. Neighbors, Mrs. Patsy Dudley, Miss Natalie Bocock, Miss Janette Browning, Mrs. John Wilkins III, John T. Hurley and Sarah Maret. Mrs. Mendenhall was present for the last part of the meeting.

Mr. Cofer, chairman of the grounds committee, gave a full report on the plans for the fragrance garden which the Garden Club Council wishes to sponsor. He cited the cost which the garden would entail to complete and how it would have to be maintained after completion. He reported that visits had been made to the county commissioners to get support for the project. The garden would cost around \$1,000.00 per year to maintain. The commissioners said they could not commit future officers of the county to assume the responsibility for keeping up the garden, but that the maintenance could be included in the library budget. Mr. Cofer showed the plans which had been drawn up and discussed them. Mr. Wilson moved that the board accept the proposal for the fragrance garden under two conditions. (1) That all concerned agree on the plan for the garden and have the funds in hand before starting it, and (2) that any solicitation for funds have the board's approval and that the solicitation be clearly identified as a solicitation of the Garden Club Council rather than the library. Mr. Hurley seconded motion. Motion carried. It was pointed out that a letter should be written to the Garden Club Council Committee and to the commissioners stating that the garden had the approval of the board.

A summary of the minutes of the board meeting of August 26, 196 was given by the secretary and they were accepted as summarized. This motion was made by Mr. Gunn, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried.

Miss Maret reported that a gas light fixture for the grounds had been chosen and that the gas company planned to install it soon.

Mr. Wilson read a letter from Dean Lindsay Cowen in which a request was made for the use of the library auditorium on Sundays as a meeting place for a Presbyterian church group. Miss Maret read paragraph by paragraph suggested regulations on the use of the auditorium by outside groups. Several suggestions and additions were made by the board. The regulations were then accepted. A copy is attached to these minutes. Since several of the regulations touched on the prohibiting of church groups' use of the library, Mr. Wilson said he would nitify Dean Cowen of the board's decision.

Chairman Wier told of his visit to the studio of Wayne Bates who is making several ceramic figures and vases for use in the garden and building. He reported that he was very pleased with the work being done by Mr. Bates.

Mr. Adams reported that the Georgia Power Company could remove several trees in front of the library and plant dogwood trees in the area. Also they would be willing to relocate the power poles in front of the building and change the hardware on the poles so that a more attractive entrance would be shown. It was suggested that a letter be written to the power company thanking them and accepting their offer contingent upon authorization from the city to have this work done. Also the city would be asked to construct curbing along Dougherty Street in front of library property after the other changes have been made.

Terms of three members of the board have expired. These are Mrs. Dudley, Miss Bocock and Mrs. James. It was moved that these names be submitted to the Mayor and Council recommending their reappointment.

A contract for the servicing of the elevator was discussed briefly. This was turned over to the building committee for action.

A list of committee appointments was distributed by the chairman, a copy of which is attached.

Miss Maret reported having received a letter from Deacon's Benchmark proposing to furnish plants for the library. The cost of the plants was rather high. No action was taken on the matter.

Mrs. Mendenhall reported that she had just received a letter from Congressman Stephens saying that he could come for the dedication ceremonies on Friday, Saturday or Monday, May 1, 2 or 4. The board wishes to have the dedication on a Sunday and asked Mrs. Mendenhall to find out the date of the first Sunday Mr. Stephens could come to Athens.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Barah E. Threl
Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
ATHENS, GEORGIA

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ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

W.W.Wier Chairman
Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall
Troutman Wilson
Thomas H.Milner, Jr.

Finance Committee

Thomas H.Milner, Jr. Chairman
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Mrs. Carlton James

Grounds Committee

Hal Cofer Chairman
A.C.Patterson
Mrs. J.B.Neighbors
Howard B.Stroud
Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall

Building Committee

Troutman Wilson Chairman
Dr. Thomas J.Harrold
John T.Hurley
Marvin Perry

Public Relations Committee

Mrs. J.B.Neighbors Chairman
Mrs. John J.Wilkins, III
Miss Janette Browning
Mrs. Robert G.Stephens, Jr.

Library Activities and Dedication Committee

Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall Chairman
(Chairman to choose committee members to work with her)

Personnel Committee

Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall Chairman
Miss Natalie Boccock
A.C.Patterson
Clinton Adams
Mrs. Frank Dudley

October 1, 1970

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday, October 1, 1970 at 5 p.m. Present were: W.W.Wier, Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, Troutman Wilson, Uly Gunn, A.C.Patterson, Dr. Thomas Harrold, John T.Hurley, Mrs. Janette Browning, Miss Natalie Bocock, Mrs. Frank Dudley and Sarah E.Maret. Also present were Mrs. Robert Palmatier and Mrs. Carolyn Bridgman.

Chairman Wier called the meeting to order. Miss Maret introduced Mrs. Palmatier who is currently in charge of the children's story hour at the library. Mrs. Palmatier presented plans for conducting a story telling clinic for adults who are in charge of children's groups. She said she would like to teach such a group at the library. The series of lessons would run from eight to ten sessions. Miss Maret said she would like for the library to sponsor such a group.

Next to be introduced was Mrs. Bridgman, children's librarian, who joined the Regional Library staff on the first of August. Mrs. Bridgman gave a report on the Vacation Reading Club which was concluded on August 28. She told of plans to give a party at the Classic Theatre on October 24 honoring those children who would receive certificates and invited the members of the Board to attend the party. Plans call for the children attending to receive a box of animal crackers for refreshments. These refreshments would be in keeping with the reading club theme which was "Reading Safari".

After Mrs. Palmatier and Mrs. Bridgman left the meeting, Mr. Wilson moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of funds from the Library and Services Construction Act to finance the Story Telling Clinic. Motion seconded by Mr. Patterson. Motion carried. Also, the Director was authorized to purchase refreshments (animal crackers) for the party for the children at the theatre on October 24.

The minutes of the last meeting were summarized by the Director and were approved.

A report was given on the progress of the fragrance garden. The chairman reported that as of the present time about \$2,000.00 had been raised for the garden. Plans are underway by garden club members to have a bazaar in October to raise more money. The Board is leaving all plans for raising money for the garden to the Garden Club Council.

The Chairman reported that the new bookmobile for the region had been delivered on September 23. The total cost of the unit was \$17,142.92, divided as follows: Chassis- \$2,989.00 (purchased from J.Swanton Ivy); Body- \$13,862.00 (purchased from the The Gerstanslager Company of Wooster, Ohio) Delivery of the unit to Athens- \$291.92. It was also reported the chassis had been paid for. The balance of the cost of the unit is to come from the library's bookmobile replacement fund which is held as a savings account at the First National Bank of Athens. It was pointed out that the interest date for the savings account is December 1 and at this time the account should draw some \$235.00 interest. It was recommended that the savings be left until Dec. 1 and that the cost of the bookmobile body be taken from the library's operating budget and then replaced when the interest on the savings account has been paid. It was moved that this course of action be taken by motion made by Miss Browning, seconded by Mr. Gunn. Motion carried. Mr. Wilson pointed out that it might be possible to get the interest earlier than the due date and that he would check on this. The Chairman asked Mr. Wilson and Miss Maret to handle the matter.

The Director reported that the State Department of Education had requested that the library's annual report be made on the basis of the fiscal year, July-June 30 to agree with the state's fiscal year. Since this was a requirement, the board concurred that this would be the reporting period for the library. A budget covering this particular period had been prepared by the Director. It differed very little from the budget already adopted by the board for the calendar year, 1970. This budget was presented and it was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Harrold that the budget be adopted. Motion carried.

Miss Maret pointed out that with the operation of the new bookmobile the library would have limited use of the old bookmobile and suggested that the board explore the possibility of operating the unit in the Model Cities area. The board agreed that this was a good idea. Mr. Wilson moved that Model Cities be asked to pay the staff for the bookmobile (which would be acceptable to the library), the insurance on the unit and some of the upkeep. Motion seconded, motion carried.

A committee composed of Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Neighbors and Miss Maret was appointed by Chairman Weir to purchase something for the library with the Redwine Memorial money. The money amounts to \$300.00.

Miss Maret reported that the Southeastern Library Association was holding its biennial meeting at the Marriot Motor Hotel in Atlanta on November 4-7. A special luncheon and meeting for library trustees will be held on November 5. She asked that board members attend this meeting if possible. She recommended that the luncheon tickets for the board be paid for out of the library budget. It was the opinion of the members that this should be done. Chairman Wier appointed Mrs. Mendenhall to see if she could get some members to attend.

A committee composed of Mr. Patterson, Mr. Hurley and Mr. Wilson was appointed to review the constitution under which the board is operating and if changes are needed to recommend them to the board.

Chairman Wier reported that work is underway to repair the damage suffered by the library as a result of the explosion on the night of July 17. Frames for the windows have been ordered and should be here and replaced shortly.

A memorandum from Mr. Thaxton, Administrator of the Public Library Unit of the State Department of Education, advising that most libraries do not carry sufficient bonds on their treasurers was read. It was pointed out that the checks for the library may be signed by anyone of three persons, the chairman, the vice chairman or the treasurer. It was moved by Mr. Gunn and seconded that the treasurer's bond be increased. Motion carried. Mr. Wilson suggested that a blanket bond to cover those who sign checks be secured and that the amount be \$50,000.00. This met with the approval of the board.

Standing committee reports were called for. Mr. Patterson, a member of the garden committee, reported that a great deal of work needed to be done in the garden, and asked if W.W. Dudley Garden Center had been paid for their work. It was noted that any plants dying within a year had to be replaced by the contractor.

Mr. Wilson reported for the Building Committee. He said that plans were underway for additional work on the fountain in front of the library. He hoped that this would be done soon and that Mr. Benson would be pleased with it.

Mrs. Mendenhall reported that several jardinières needed to be purchased

for the library.

Following committee reports, slides of the library building, taken by Mrs. Nikas, were shown to the group.

The meeting adjourned with the board going to inspect the new bookmobile which was parked at the rear of the building.

Ruth E. Tharnt
Secretary